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1. PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF NIKOLA KALCHEV AS FIRST VICE MINISTER FOREIGN TRADE IN PLACE OF SIMEON PEEV (REFTEL). FOREIGN TRADE ODYICIAL CONFIRMED THAT KALCHEV WILL ALSO HEAD TECHNOCOMPLEKT.

2. COMMENT: KALCHEV HAD MOST RECENTLY SERVED AS CHIEF OF BCP DEPARTMENTFOR INDUSTRY SINCE MID -1973. PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS AS DEPUTY MINISTER MACHINE BUILDING (1971-1973) AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE (1962-1971). KALCHEV IS A CANDIDATE MEMBER BCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND IS AN ENGINEER BY TRAINING. EMBOFF WHO MET KALCHEV IN 1973 DESCRIBES HIM AS CAUTIOUS TYPE WHO APPEARED TO RELY ON AIDES FOR ADVICE, BUT WHO WAXED ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT POSSIBILITIES FOR U.S. -BULGARIAN TRADE.
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